



One weekend...
All the
difference



Application

- I'd like to attend a *Beginning Experience*® weekend. Please call me.
- I want to know more. Please contact me.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home phone (____) _____

Cell phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

I am: Widowed Divorced Separated

How long married? _____ How long single again? _____

Date of birth ____/____/____ Male Female
mm/dd/yyyy

If you have children, their age(s) _____

Religious Preference _____ Parish/Church/Other _____

How did you find out about the weekend? _____

What do you hope to gain from the program? _____

Physical or dietary limitations? Yes No

Are you currently in counseling? Yes No

Signature _____ Today's date _____

More About The Weekend

The retreat is Christian-based and open to persons of all faiths. The weekend is quiet, reflective, and spiritual. It includes two religious services, one of which is a Catholic Mass. The weekend begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and ends Sunday Afternoon at 4:00 p.m. It is essential that you are present for the entire weekend.

How Much Does It Cost?

The cost for the entire weekend, including lodging and meals, is \$100. Scholarships are available to those in financial need.

How Should I Register?

Please fill in the application and mail it, along with a \$20 deposit, to the address on the bottom of the form. A Beginning Experience team member will contact you by telephone to answer any questions you may have about the weekend.

Maranatha Retreat Center
Everton, Missouri

March 31- April 2, 2017 (Spring Session)
October 20 - 22, 2017 (Fall Session)

For more information, please call:
Teresa 417-848-9280,
Diane 417-859-0175 or 870-688-8829,
or Viv 417-619-8645



The End of Life as You Know It

What if the worst thing you think could happen does and you are widowed, separated, or divorced? What if life changes in the blink of an eye? How do you cope? How do you deal with the grief, loss, and pain? What do you politely tell those well-meaning people in your life who want to help you cope and start over? It's not easy. It's never easy. It hurts...but you don't have to hurt alone.

But I'm Still Here

Today in the United States half of all marriages end in divorce, leaving more than 1.1 million children and their parents to deal with the fallout. Additionally, this country sees nearly 800,000 new widows and widowers annually. In every case, the adults and children involved are left to pick up the pieces. That's how it feels... like life is broken and can never be fixed.

One Weekend for a New Beginning

The truth is no one has to suffer alone, and although life may never be the same, it can be good again...very good. *Beginning Experience*® can help, just give us one weekend. You'll meet people who have gone through the same things you are going through. They know how you feel because



they have felt it and lived through it. They will share with you how they came to terms with their loss and how they've moved forward with their lives. More important, they will listen.

Founded by a Catholic sister and her divorced friend, our program serves those of all faiths. It can help you deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning your pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.



Real Results, Real Hope

Beginning Experience isn't a singles club. Our weekend program transforms lives. It makes a real difference. Adults become more effective parents, they develop healthier family relationships, and they begin to deal with the pain of their loss, their anger, and so much more. In fact, independent research published in the *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage* shows that the impact of a *Beginning Experience* weekend is more profound and longer lasting than that of support and informational groups for the single-again.

Let go of the pain. Get ready to live again.

The program was life changing. I could share the pain of my wife's death, and people understood.
– Bill; Dallas, Texas

I needed healing and this was where I found it.
– Vera; Grand Rapids, Michigan

I was lost and frightened after I left my husband. I found a sense of peace at Beginning Experience and I am getting stronger each day.
– Barbara; Singapore

After I separated, I came to Beginning Experience. I was able to let go of years of pain, frustration and guilt. I am much happier now, and able to express myself in a way that is whole and complete.
– Deb; Perth, Western Australia

When my husband left, I thought the good times in life were over. But the best was yet to be, and it started with Beginning Experience.
– Rosemarie; Trenton, New Jersey

Return this form with your deposit to:
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Springfield, MO 65808-3002

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